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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION: NEXT STEPS

REF: USNATO 1472 (DTG 151718Z MAR 77)

1. EMBASSY FULLY CONCURS WITH NEXT STEPS SCENARIO PROPOSED BY USNATO (REFTEL).
2. AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO FONOFF SECGEN NOGUEIRA MAR 17 AND UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF PORTUGUESE TAKING THE INITIATIVE, BOTH HERE AND IN CAPITALS, TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT FROM ALLIES. EMBASSY WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH NATO SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF NEED FOR PORTUGUESE TO PROMISE QUICK FOLLOW-UP ON ALLIED ASSISTANCE OFFERS (PARA 8 B. REFTEL).
3. RE REFTEL PARA 5 SUGGESTION THAT EMBASSY MONITOR FRG-GOP BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, GERMAN ATTACHE
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CAPT PERLICH, HAS ALREADY RECOMMENDED TO DATT THAT CHMAAG ATTEND MEETING BETWEEN GERMANS AND PORTUGUESE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ROCHA VIEIRA. AT MEETING, WHICH GERMANS WANT ASAP, PERLICH WILL PRESENT GERMAN EQUIPMENT OPTIONS TO VIEIRA. GERMANS HOPE TO GET COORDINATED US-FRG-GOP RECOMMENDATION.
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